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Perry County apirl 6 th 1823

James Cox

Dear William I take this Earliest opperthunity of Informing you that we Did here 20 of march last after four Days of Cold & bustious wether and snow Rain a most all the time I had like lost all my Cattle Hogs & Horses by Cold and wet I lost all my oats and pitchfork in rush Wild one night like ways Across the lake but thank god She Rides the Kentucky Shore I must let you Shy were in that little flat of mr Spalding Mr Vaughan and family verry glad to see all Dare here I like the land & exceedly well and I Blive I can Do Better here then at Utica uncle our Benj has raised fine Crop of Cotton this year has his own cotton gin & we use of This yeas Dr Will give my to all my Children and Late me know how Doctor Stad Las let out farm or now I wish you would write me lines as soon as your Re ve that Remb[illegible] to all Inquiering frin I Conclude Close the Letters your loving father Will I Dont Ci here I Will be esp there before long Fanny has got the of the Roger William Respect fully My Love

Crawfordsville January 16 1894

Mr John Shessett

Dere Sur I have just got a coppey of Mr Tusant Dubois will & in it ther is 2 quarter of land given to his daught Susan thoe, the land is not designated in it ~~[illegible]~~ but I think that Willam James in his lifetime dedicated the rents & profits of the said land & was generly know & believe to be his land and if you are willing we will give you a quit Claime deed to the same which you have in your possesion for the amant of money which you agreed to give for it when I was ther & if you can cling to doe so ples get the right numbers of the 2 ~~[illegible]~~ quarters land when said was sold on the land of Mr James for its taxes, I dont think ther is any risk to run or to endangee you in the least so my counsel is all well yours truly

WBinford

ples answer this

Crawfordsville Decb 2d 1843

Mr John Sherrett

I expect you have allmost concluded that I have forgotten to write to you. I have written three or four times to Illinois to get a copyey of Mr Dubois's will but has not Succeeded in geting aney answer yet, and as soon as idoe you will hear from me, I am not displased to doe aney thing without doeing it correctley I expect I shal have to goe in persen befor I can get a copyey of that will, you may make all the collections you can to pay for that land, as soon as the arangements can be made it will be if it can be done so it will be correct an satisfactory

Yours in hast William Bingham

Warners October 15th 1828

Dear Friends

We have generally Enjoyed good Health since I last wrote to you with about the middle of Sept. our Dear Father While attending Circle Water a Bloody Flux Seized me very Low which in five weeks ago this day and at the Same time at this time in a State of Convalescence I have not been able to do any business Since — Betsy and the Babe Charles C. Dear had a Turn of the Same complaints but have got better Virginia has the fever & ague the boys are well Brothers William & Johns Families have had Some Crosses among them Mothers Sickness has had a Severe turn Lately but Through the all wise providence of God We are all yet in the Land of the Living there has been Considerable Sickness through this parts of the Country this Season which in many Instances has proved fatal there has been a few Scattering Cases of Cholera also in various parts this month Por. The Health Departments — We had the pleasure of Receiving a Letter from James and one from Linson Since I last wrote to you which gave us pleasure to hear of your prosperity You it appears however have your Rivilles to Encounter in common with the rest of the world You gave us to Understand that when

the Present Situated Between Father &
Sisters Surrender This news is painful that
the venerable pair at this period of life
should Disagree to such an extent and
those affections which should increase in
harmony as life declines become cold and
filled with Apathy. Still every cause must
and will have its effects – as to my own
circumstances I have been Unfortunate in
Harry Bedlette
since I came to this Country – our Hay Law
Suits concerning our Mill business Together
with our Barn Breaking last Winter
The Change of Times respecting Money and
various Disappointments and Expences
has almost ruined me – I would be Glad to
sell out what property I have and remove
to some other part but on account of
the Scarcity of money and Immense Crops
Land for Sale Now by Purchasers of
Improved Property are scarce Crops of Wheat
this Season abundant as Good as ever Said in
any Country price from 37½ to 50 Cents &
Corn also is Good and a vast Deal of the
Greatest Share of Business Now going
on appears to be to the West on the
Canal and Michigan Road Wages are Good
and almost all the Labouring men
are gone there to work – William Stannard
has just returned from Chicago with
a Load of Salt The Distance is about
140 Miles which generally is sold there
at $3,00 Barrel brought from Onondaga
by Way of the Grand Canal While he
was there a Treaty was held which
has Extinguished all the Indian Titles
in this State and Illinois.

except some Reservations for Individuals. The
country is Setting beyond all Calculation and
goods from the Eastern citys will principly
be brought to Michigan City from here
about 100 Miles Down the Kankakee
for our supply as well as salt and other
heavy articles our salt works like one of
the Wells is 600 feet Deep the other is 500 or
590 feet deep but the Proprietors have not
yet got them in proper Operation
have made some salt and the water
is strong and good
We should be glad to see you all but the
difficulties attending renders it out of our
power at present but Expect some of you
will probably pay a visit shortly to this
part of the State. The State of Politics
here have pretty much Equalized them
selves - at the Present Numbers still keeps a
little Muttering your Connections
one and all are wished to present with
our Best Respects particularly those
of Yours own Family's many of whome
are Strangers to us We would be Glad to
Receive a letter from Father and
Brother Ran Cavender
I have Written a long Scrawl
and Rumbling Hand and Short Contains
but very little hardly Worth the postage
So We Now Subscribe ourselves your
Affectionate Friends Sand Stewards
James & Susan Cavender & Elizabeth Steward

December the 16th 1829

[illegible] opening best respects to you I avail [illegible] to
[illegible] to [illegible] you that [illegible] well hoping [illegible] may
may find you and family in [illegible] the same blessing also
I have contracted with Eats Coats one [illegible] for
[illegible] Dollars and a dollar to [illegible] my
time is out [illegible] I come to the Cooke to hire hands
and if I do I shall come up to see you all if [illegible] not make
a contract with Coats to [illegible] as we was talking
about [illegible] building I have nothing with [illegible] to
you at this [illegible] my compliments the family James and
his [illegible] and Mr Thomas and his lad and your father and
wife and all [illegible] Prince's [illegible]
[illegible] remaining yours till death

This [illegible]

[illegible] to me with [illegible]

[illegible]

Mr. William Cowan Jun.

Goshen Oct 2d 1824

Dear Nephew I recd

Yours Dated 24 September yesterday it was a pleasure
to us to hear you was all in health We are all well but have
had the misfortune to lose our youngest child a fine little
girl Eleven months old She died 22 of august. Your inform-
ation as it respects Mr Glazes farm is such that I think I
will take it for the five years & probally may for five more but
I should engage it only for five at first if it will suit him
as well. I will build the house dig the well & make such
repairs on the farm as he wishes & endeavour to do good justice
to the farm & the owner you wrote he
power of Attorney to do his business please to inform him I shall
Depend on taking the farm I expect from the information I
had from Charles & it seems by the information of your letter
that it will suit me tolerably well I shall come down as soon
& possibly can I do not expect I shall be there before the first
of December My Crops are very light & there is no money
here it is very difficult to sell any thing I shall be hard pushed
to make out money enough to purchase a boat & leave my
expenses I cannot get money for my cows & young cattle
& expect I shall have to drive them you wished me to felch you
an ax I if possibly can I will but Miller have 2 Dollars for one
I have had bad luck this season in crops I planted 82 acres of
Corn on Bill Beams & it has been such a cold wet summer they
where I lived were slow & the frost has nearly ruined the whole crop.

I expected to have had at least 100 bushels but shall not have
here the beans sells 1 Dollar per bushels we have had severe
frosts here the first about the first of this month which cut off
all Vegetation entirely I have had no letters from Vermont
since I wrote you before so I can give you no information
from that quarter You wrote that Hezekiah was bad when
our corn was I wish you to see & take care of it the best
you can & if you think it best if you will gather it I
will work as much for you but I expect with some care you
can save it until we get there The Thatchers & their familys
are well at present but William Townsend son & Stephen
Benjamins son has had a severe spell of the fever for six
weeks or more but are getting better they wish to be
remembered to you all & Mrs Isaac Connels family — We send
our best wishes to you & Polly to your Father & Mother & all
the family to Mr & Mrs Vaughan & family to Walt & his family
wishing you all Health & Prosperity With esteem I remain
your Uncle John Hawley

Mr William Cavender

Goshen Township July 17th 1824

Dear Brother I take this opportunity to inform you that we are all well & hope this will find you & family & all our relatives there enjoying the same blessing. I have no particulare news to inform you Charles Arrived here 15th he was only five days after he left you before he got home & had we had Charles informed that there is a farm at the mouth of Deer Creek that Thomas lives on which we can rent & I think it reasonable I will Speak to you to make an agreement for it with the owner if you like him before I come down & I will take it for one or more years & Settle with the owner and tell him that what arrangements you make with him I will be responsible for the performance of Such to act for me & have nothing drawn so that we can have no misunderstanding otherwise and such arrangements as you make I will fulfill to the utmost of my abilities — Our family is something large & Charles says the house is small Sir if you to request him to build another house one I will build one if he will pay for it if he wishes me to build one I wish you to get the Dimensions of such a one he wishes to have and agree with him what he will give for the building of it — I will give you a schedule of my proceedings for you to collect your demand from Amos Davis after going 4 times to him he lives 21 miles & using all the means I could to have it collected & have got Three Dollars & Ninety Six Cents collected after paying the Constable & Magistrate I have for you left three Dollars & Davis is Dead & there is no probability

I do not think it will be of any benefit to go any more after Charles tells you in the letter to purchase you a barrel of Salt I will send you one & expect to come by the first of December if we have no bad luck
God grant you & James to top & blade the corne which Charles has planted & save the fodder as well as you can & as soon as we come down I will pay you in work for the time it takes you as we shall need all the fodder we can get. I have had no letters from Vermont since I wrote before so I can give no news from that part of the country. Charles says he planted some cotton & some Indigo & if is necessary I wish you to take such care of them as is necessary & I will work for you as much as you think will pay you & James for your trouble
Give our respects to Mrs Vanderen & Mrs Gurney & hope all happiness through life with Elleon
I subscribe myself your Uncle John Vickery
To Mr William Evenden

July 20 Dear Charles I address a few lines to you but have no news of consequence my crop of corn is very light owing to so much rain we have had a very bad season for this flat country the meadows is excellent good my flat & oats tolerable good we are all well except our youngest girl & she is very sick at present the boys can plant & I can we will make a waggon for you & respects to Mr & Mrs Vaughan & Mr Hall & Mrs Ladd & Dear James & Eleanor & your own Charles & Jas & Mr Evenden & Sherman your friend John Vickery

Ben Burn Ark.
August 21 95
Anson Cavender Esq
Vasper Indian
Indiana

Near Brazoria this 25th 1829

Dear Anson and family of

I received your kind letter of the 10th which gave us joy also to hear you desire to keep inside me having lost the least spark of friendship towards you in this my Brother. You are desirous for leisure you that glow of that hart to felt from us Bigs who has has Epistled from our first acquaintance with Shine Brighter and Brighter unto the Perfect Day from the unsettled life of my Location Place I have not written as often as I could otherwise have done this is apology enough I am now making every Calculation to move into the Province of Texas in order to secure to myself and Children the Donation of Land offered unto the first day of January next to actual Settlers one League of Pasture 4428 acres all Famms men 320 acres over 16 years of age From all the Information I can get of the climate Soil Production and health having a Section of the Streams Prairies of the Richest Rich Game Deer Buffalo and Cattle and Horses which can not be numbered will be unto make us an Eaden of it. I request you are no doubt acquainted with the History of the Texas Settlers Indeed Texans have Blood This they have gained with much Blood This they are able and will maintain and is as dear to them as the Independence of the United States

in the Mississippi

the Respect to Settle on the waters
of the Tumbuck River or Dirty
as it is called probably at the Forks
or where the head of Navigation
where the Country is hugh and
Healthy and where Good Mill
Privileges may be had you will
Easily be able to get hold of a
Map of Texas as there are Several
Maps Circulating along the Ohio
which will be of great service
to you in Texas the Boys Coast
and Rivers are Shown Extended
Country and Should you take
a Survey of the Lands
it is not unlikely I may meet
with you in that Country
where we will Pursue the
Ways of Old Long Sine —
I am pleased with the Country with
Respect to Climate and Soil I have
the Best Corn I ever saw and wheat
and all Sorts Generally Good Naturally
Good Health Except Some few Cases
which were not very Serious Except
the case of our dear little Nancy she
was taken from us as appears in
Scripture of our Cup of Bitterness in
this world In this Sentence you
will Notice that you anticipations
as Realizes with Respect to the Barren
of Universalisms in short your Sister
and myself and Family Join quite
wishing that God Should Save Every
Son and Daughter of the Norman
Family which we think is Clearly

Bible Yours in the Scriptures and
we are willing to say Thy Will be Done
Mon Kind and Loveing God
we have now living with us Mayor
Wm Henry and Charles A the Boys the
two oldest will leave Land in Tejas
Angelina is a fine little Girl goins
to School Hope is a good Mechanic
Works with me at Mills and every
thing that comes before us to make
money which is plenty here
then any where I ever Lived a Boy
or Boy for Common Labour in the
general price we could get along
here very well but the Interest
Runs on which we Bought Lands
and a permanent Settlement in
Texas induces us to Make one
more Move if Spared Six years
Should Think for Peace to move to
Texas Country or to visit us
Best Rout will probably be
from Burlington Iowa to Louisa
ville to Nashville thence to
Nacogdoches and thence to Bois
Sieurs on Joins part of the
Sandy River Please to write
as soon as you receive this
and direct as before
No more at Present Dear
Yours with Hearts Love Affection
but that warm Esteem which
should be Between Brother and
Brother Samuel Steward
Susan and Talbot Elisabeth Steward

This Indenture made the fifth day of June in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between Benjamin Vaughan and William Cavender both of the County of Perry and State of Indiana Witnesseth That for and in Consideration of the sum of three hundred Dollars lawful money of the state of indiana paid by the said William Cavender the receipt whereof is here by confessed & Acknowledged by the said Benjamen Vaughan hath given granted sold bargained released Conveyed & confirmed & by these presents does give grant sell bargain release & convey unto the said William Cavender his heirs & assigns forever. a certain piece of land lying the ohio River it being part of the fractional section of No fifteen Range three west and township seven south. bounded as follows begining at the south ~~east~~ East Corner of a peace of land owned by George Hawley thence north with the line of said land two hundered poles thence East forty poles thence south two hundred poles to the river thence forty poles with the river to the place of be giining to have and to hold the above discribed fifty acres of of land unto him the said William Cavender his heirs and togeather with all and singular the appurtenances there unto belonging or in any wise appertaineny & further the said Benjamin Vaughan does for himself his heirs &c

Covenant and agree to & with the said William Cavender his heirs &c to warrant and forever defend the above discribed primeses against all every person or persons lawfully Claiming the same or any part thereof In Testemony of the within indenture the said Benjamin Vaughan hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his seal the day and year first within written

Signed Seald and delivered Benjamin Vaughan (Seal)
In presene of Joanna Vaughan (Seal)
Wait Vaughan
Elisha Cavender
Hannah Cavender

State of Indiana
Perry County Set be it remembered

that on the 4th day of August 1824 before me
the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace for said
County came personally appeared Benjamin Vaughan
the above named grantor and acknowledg that he
executed the above deed as and for his voluntary
act and deed for the use and purposes therein specified
Given under my hand and seal the date above written

John Litherland J.P.S.t

State of Indiana Perry County Set
be it remembered that the 4th day of August
1824 that Sumner Vaughan and acknowledg the
within in deed to be voluntarily and of her own
free will & accord and as her act and deed seal
and deliver the said deed or [illegible] without any
coercion or compulsion from her husband

John Litherland J.P.S.t

Rec.d for recording
Oct.r 22.d 1824

Recorded October 22.d 1824 in Book K. of Deeds
Page 187. — Recorder's Office Perry County Indiana. —

Solomon Lamb Rec.r

This Indenture made the twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seventeen between John Miller & William Cavender both of the County of Clark and State of Indiana — Witnesseth that the said John Miller for & in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars lawful money of the United States paid by the said William Cavender the receipt whereof is hereby confessed & acknowledged by the said John Miller hath given granted sold bargained released conveyed & confirmed & by these presents doth give grant sell bargain release & convey unto the said William Cavender his heirs & assigns forever a certain piece or half lot of land lying in the Town of Utica in the County & State aforesaid and being the South part of lot Number fourteen (14) on which is the same fifty feet off the South side of said lot and is bounded on front Street & extending one hundred feet to an alley in rear of said lot To have and to hold the above described half lot or piece of land unto him the said William Cavender his heirs & together with all and singular the appurtenances there-

Unto belonging or in anywise appertaining & further the said John Miller doth for himself his heirs &c covenant and agree to & with the said William Cavender his heirs &c to warrant and forever defend the above described premises against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming the same or any part thereof In Testimony of the within indenture the said John Miller hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his seal the day & year first within written

Signed Sealed & delivered
in presence of

James Wair

Dac. S Holt

John Miller L.S.

State of Arkansas } Be it remembered that on the 18th day of June 1847
Clark County } before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace
for said County, personally appeared John Miller the above named
grantor, and acknowledged that he executed the above deed, as and
for his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein
recited. Given under my hand and seal the date above written

John Prather J.P. (seal)

Clerks office Circuit Court
Clark County Ark
June the 26th 1847

I do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing was filed for record in this office at 9 o'clock A.M. on the day and date above written and duly recorded in Book "B" on page 92

Wm. T. Cooper Clerk

Utica June 15th 1824

Dear Friends

This will Inform you that we are all well at present my Calculations with respect to removing to the Wabash has been retarded hitherto on account of the multiplicity of Business in which I was concerned I Sold or Gave away my property in Utica and moved Down on my farm put the bottom in Corn & here we are Ploging out the rest Bro Hill Anson Lives with us Howard is Raising potatoes Henry Lenby & Beby & Son are well he swears on as usual Mrs Barrels people are all well & Miss Martha has Just return'd from Orleans Says Brother he has been sick 4 months at Natchez & lost all his hair times are very hard and there is but a slim chance of Raising money from any kind of property here This is a source of distress with me on account of the Debt and you have against me I wish you would write what your intentions are & when you will be here & Hear from Mr Ware & Family Mother &c Adieu

Wm

Stonemeetinghouse August 1791

Sir, Having information from Mr Donaldson one of my Pupils that
Your Neighbourhood is destitute of a Tutor, I have made free to write
to You in particular as from what I can learn from Him You are acquainted
with Literature and from a Conscientiousness of my own abilities, I can Inform
You that I have Taught Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Bookkeeping
Surveying and Navigation with several other things I need not enumerate
in this place and there in this County and I believe might stay
here as long as I thought I proper, yet much longer does not suit me
as this fall I must endeavour to get what
Satisfaction I will
and would always
Agree, which is thus
on their entrance as
examined Monthly by
joined when this
three months than
method to excite
Mr
Sovereign
Thirty shillings
my price but by
Subscribtion Schoolmaster
ing to quit here as
And providing there
Mr Donaldson to
or Mr Doyle Teach
imate at the same
the Assembly does please
I will tell You that a
as to drinking, but providing the regu
ment security for my
Heart Objection of serving in the Assembly Character & becoming personally
Acquainted with You I Subscribe myself Your Well wisher and Humble Servant

Please to turn Over

Jn.o M. Caulsland

[illegible] already Earned, For Your
[illegible] the manner I have Taught
[illegible] ding the Employers would
[illegible] have to be [illegible] mitted to my charge be examined
[illegible] Education and Capacity and afterwards to be
[illegible] Judges appointed for that purpose, I often
[illegible] place more good done and with more ease in
[illegible] Evenings in double the time, This a
[illegible] Manner and Industry in the Tutor
[illegible] Reading and Writing and Arithmetic
[illegible] any Branches I Teach for
[illegible] here is what I propose Teaching and
[illegible] undertake these must years be Twenty four
[illegible] coming, And but I should love time with-
[illegible] Income &c We have sent a Subscription paper
[illegible] can gather, [illegible] man will go along with
[illegible] Scholars [illegible] &c, Swift to requite the Your
[illegible] Assessors, [illegible] we to any person You & nom-
[illegible] common hear [illegible] Upon the whole providing
[illegible] and You are [illegible] I know my Moral Character
[illegible] or even two years Ago I may not Reproachable
[illegible] I am now able to give Sufficient
[illegible] Conduct as Teacher and as I have not the

Provided You are not satisfied with the terms proposed and are able to make up in your hands Forty pounds with the Accommodations above mentioned I am willing to Teach the Branches without any more. You may have your choice and if you cannot or will not agree to any of these give me Immediate notice as I have Encouragement in several places. Adieu

Jeremiah

To Mr. Samuel Brown of Augusta Co.

No. 3.

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Hawes Ville August 21st 1832

Mr Wm Carpenter

Sir I am informed that you own a House & Lot in this place on the Corner of the Street at the Landing or rather that you own the said property in Company with some other person that lives in the State of Ohio and I understood that Mr Adams was his agent I call on Mr Adams and he refers me to you and as I am on my way down the River and in a hurry to get home being told that you lived mouch from the River to the Country I have wrote these few words to you to see if you wish to sell the property and what you ask for it I understand that the gentleman in Ohio has told Mr Adams that he will take the same for his holf of the place that you will for yours — If you wish to sell yours will please write to me immediately and let me know your price and terms of payment & I shall pass this place again in October next and if I should get a letter from you on the subject will call & see you at that

time if you write to me please give me the particulars about the Title &c and direct your letter to (William Pierpoint New Madrid, Missouri).

Very Respectfully Your Ob't Serv't

" Pierpoint

This Indenture made this 3[illegible]
day of October in the year Eighteen hundred and
forty Eight, between James Anderson Administrator
of the Estate of Robert Mosby late of Dubois County Dece
ased, and James Dill[illegible] of same County and State
of the second part Witnesseth, That whereas on the 7th.
day of October 1847, the said party of the first part as such
Administrator, filed in the Probate Court of said County, his
Petition in writing setting forth the amount of the personal property
which had come to his hands as said Admr; the application of the same,
and the debts outstanding against said decedent, and the insufficien
cy of said personal estate to pay said debts and praying for the
sale of the Real Estate of said decedent hereinafter described
for the purpose of reducing the same to assets. And whereas such
proceedings were afterwards had at the January Term of said
Court 1848, That and there had at said Court then & there
passed an Order directing said Administrator to offer the
said Real Estate hereinafter set forth, at public vendue, first
advertising the same in pursuance of the Statute in such cases made
and provided, on the [illegible] day of February 1848 in the premises.
And whereas at the April Term of said Court 1848, upon the
Report and Petition of said Administrator, such proceedings
were then and there had, in the premises, that said Court order
ed said Admin[illegible] to resexpose said Real Estate, to wit The
South West Quarter of the South East Quarter of Section No thirty
two, in Town No One South of Range No five West in said County
at public vendue in the premises on the 15th day of June 1848, first
duly advertising the same as aforesaid, upon a credit of six and twelve
months, and that in case the same should not then & there sell
at public outcry, the same should be sold at private sale
And whereas at the July Term of said Court 1848, such proceedings
were then and there had in said Court in the premises, that said Ad
ministrator reported to said Court a sale of said real Estate in pursu

... of said Order to one James Dillon for the sum of fifty Dollars, which said sale was then and there made at the said July Term of said Court 1848, by said Court confirmed. And whereas further, that said Administrator at the Oct Term of said Court 1848, reported to said Court full payment of the purchase money of said real estate by him by said party of the second part hereto, upon which, said proceedings were then and there had, that said Court ordered and decreed said Administrator to make, execute and deliver to said James Dillon a good and sufficient Deed of Conveyance for said Real Estate, and report the same to said Court at the said Nov Term thereof, 1848, ~~and whereas further, said proceedings were had in the premises at the Term of said Court 184, that said Administrator reported to said Court, his Deed of Conveyance for the same, which said Deed in the said Order accepted by said Court;~~ Now therefore Know Ye that I James Anderson as said Administrator and party of the first part of these presents, in conformity with the order and decree of said Court aforesaid, and in obedience to said sale as fully as I can or ought to do, by virtue of the authority thus conferred upon me, and in further consideration of the sum of One Dollar to me in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, and do by these presents grant bargain and sell unto the said James Dillon and his heirs and assigns forever, the following tract or parcel of land, situate in said County, and described as the South West quarter of the South East quarter of Section No. (32) thirty two, in Township No. (1) One South of Range No. (5) Five West, To Have and To Hold the same with all the appurtenances, unto the sole and only use, benefit and behoof of the said James Dillon and his heirs and

assigns forever

In Witness Whereof I the said party of the first part have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. James McJordan

Seal

State of Indiana }
Dubois County } Before me the Undersigned Recorder of said County this day personally came James Anderson the above named grantor, and acknowledged the above deed to be his voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of October 1846

B.B. Edmunston Clerk

24 Regt Ind Vol Co H Fla Inf

March 25. 1862 Mr. John D. Cavender

I received your letter Some time Back But I would have written sooner But we have got where it is only once and a while that there is a chance to send one for there is no Regular Mail I am Still able to Eat my allowance and tote My old Musket We have bin Expecting a march for Several days we are under orders to hold our Selves in readiness to March at any notice with ten days washing and three in our Knapsack Sacks there is Several thousand seceshs in Fifty Forty miles at some junction of two Railroads I have herd Several tales how many that was there But from all accounts there is 60 or 70 thousand and a Reinforcing it is supposed that they Rebels will make a Bragg Stand there for they are coming from all quarters to that point and if we give them hell there it will Weaken them So they cant make many more stands It is generaly Believed here that the war is wonte last long

But it is thaught that there will Be
Some hard fighting Be fore it winds up
the Secesp spas drafting Every man there when
we come in there is some union men
here they have got several Recruits
out of this state and here that they
are a making up a Regt I saw
Seven teen Recruits that come down
the ten ⁊ River and ~~Forces~~ Inlisted
Well John I was on guard last
night and did not Sleep any
and as I have nothing of import
ance to write I will Close and
take a nap Well John I will
send you 2 8 0 when I sends frank
the rest of my horse money
So no more but Morning
Sardine Cavender
to J. M Cavender
I will let you a copy
I will send you the Pen Prote
this with
Write Soon and give me all the
news that is a floats and let
me know how Brody & Brook come
out

Mena Ark July 27 1862

Dear Parents

I received your letter the other day and was glad to here from you and was to here you are all Enjoying good helth We are in camp at helena and more than likely will be here some time But a Soldier cant tell one day where he will be the nexte so we may leave here before long or may stay till the wether gits cooler the wether is awful warm it is so hot that all we do is answer to Roal call have dress peraid we have no drill or any guard to stand we are seeing the Easiest time Sence we have Bin camped here than we have Sence we have Bin out a soldiering There is 35 000 troops at this Place We have Bad news from richmond I saw an account in a memphis Paper that McClenen took it six days with the Rebels & they drove him Back 17 miles and I saw anothere account where he fell Back 18 miles to draw them out of their fortificat ions and after he had drawn them out drove Back and Retaken all of his ground Back Sthere is so many differnt reports a man cant tell when the truth But I guess that he got the worste End of the bargain it looks like we havent the Right Kind of head leaders I am a getting to think like Fraser said Brossman though Seigles was a young god I dont think that But I believe he is the Best gin in the field and if they would let him have his swing that he would winder it up Quicker than Mclenen or any of the rest of gen but may be all things is working for the Best

thing.
But ther is one certain that the Eastern troops has not done as good fighting as the western troops has it is the general opinion that it could a Bin wound up Easier Rabout the Evacuation of corinth than it Will Be any ways shortly a going there a conciderable Excitement about the nigers a Being set free ther is nigers hunders of them that has a Pass to any Place they see fit to go and you may meete an old darky and ask him if he has his free Papers if hasent he say the gineral Told me to come to morrow he would give them to him & ask any of them where they are a going they will say Jonn a going upnorth Soldiers was crasing the Rive nearly all of last night they say that 6 Dompson men had captured the white about as She was going from Helena to memphis the others night we had a conciderable storm an Blowed her a shore and the Rebs captured her as soon as she went to shore she wonte do them any good for they cant git her Below Helena they may Burn her as all they can do John wrote that he was coming down as soon as he got threw with this work all McDonald wrote by a letter that he was a coming as soon as he got threw the hery of his work so by is looking for him Every day But I shant look for John untill i see him I would Be glad if he would come and I dont see any thing to hender you from coming you would not Begrudge your trip Oyes Hante frank got cheated when he

traided for that mair if he aint cheated
There he is traided her off- give me your
opinion it struck me that the mare was eit
any account when I herd how he got her
from say nothing to him about this
for I have wrote all I can think of
and I shall close for this time write
Soon
Bird Cavender
to Jno Vol Sears Dec Fla
Yes I am well and hearty
Haysville Dubois County Indiana

JAMES WHITCOMB,

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA,

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

WHEREAS, It has been certified to me by the proper authority, that William Carvender is elected to the office of Associate Judge for the county of Dubois

Wherefore know ye, That in the name and by the authority of the State of Indiana, I do hereby commission him the said William Carvender Associate Judge for the county of Dubois for the term of seven years from the 28th day of February A.D. 1846.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the seal of the State, at Indianapolis, the twenty first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five the ~~twenty-fifth~~ year of the State, and of the United States the ~~sixty~~ Seventieth

BY THE GOVERNOR:

J. S. Whitcomb.

John A. Thompson Secretary of State.

JAMES B. RAY,

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA.

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS—*GREETING:*

WHEREAS, It has been certified to me by the proper authority, That William Cavender is elected to the office of Justice of the Peace — for the county of Perry. —

THEREFORE, KNOW YE, That in the name and by the authority of the state of Indiana, I do hereby commission him, the said William Cavender, justice of the peace for the said county of Perry for the term of five years from this date.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the seal of the state, at Indianapolis, the 25 day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty the 15th year of the state, and of the Independence of the United States the fifty-fifth

BY THE GOVERNOR,

James Morrison SECRETARY OF STATE.

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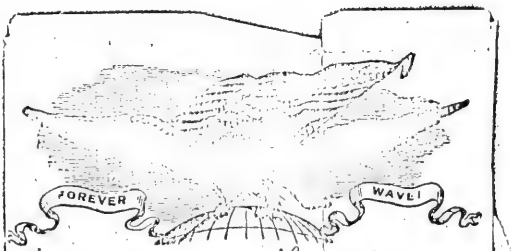

Dec the 1861

Dear Father & Mother

I take up my pen in hand to let you know that I am well at this present time and hope when these few lines Comes to hand will find you Enjoying the same Good Blessing we are in camp at Bar we will Winter there Comenst Cutting and holing logs this morning to Bild houses they will have our winter quarters Bilt in a few days

and then I think that we will Live very Comfortable We have had a tolerbly hard time sence Cold wether set in and ther has bin some of the very Coldest of wether her in the last week or so or it apeared that away to me for we had no good way to keep worm the way we done we Bilt a small log heap to Every Mess and we coulse keep about half worm But when we git our winter quarters Bill I think we will Be Comfortable and do fine for We have plenty to Eat and We have worm clothes I want you to Rot rent out my field yet awhile if you have not got ther

may be such y[illegible]ch as us Boys would all Be at home in time to Plant Corn and if I should Bit I would like to tend it my self Write and let me know how mutch corn I have after the Exspences is taken out and what wheat and corn is worth this seas on I wante to know is I want to see if they will square me for I want to Be square with the world when I come home So I will quit for this time Write a son or For I have not for some time Recived a letter and Sonly I intend to rite to them that rites to me

Bardine Cavender

Major-Gen. Geo. B. M'Clellan.

June 5th 62

Dear Father & Mother I take pleasure in writing to you hoping these few lines may find you all well. I have not received a letter from you for a long time but I suppose you must have sent some since I am here in camp. But the news is false we have not had a fight or skirmish since I have been here I have not seen a secesh soldier or a rebel soldier since I left Alexandria about 2 weeks ago and then I saw a few hundred or they supposed that they were there making them roads so considerable trouble more of the time

had the Pleasure of seeing
the gun I got a letter from
Jobe Thomas and he herd that
we had taken 3000 Prisners
But it is not so Our Colonel
took 700 men and went out
and Burnt a secesh mill
and Pressed 600 Rebbs
horses and a barrel of tar
or pitch the 24 done nothing
But march from Place
to Place and guard Bridges
and know I dont think there
is much danger of getting in
a battle in this State for
old Price has gone in to arms
same with fifteen thousand
men the Odd Fellows
drawing is nearly Paid
off I have accounts and
all other matters to Settle
[illegible] 46 [illegible]

that the war will close in
90 days I must come for
it as my fingers is getting
so numb that I can hardly
write tell Mother that
I send her my love &
as for the Salad let him
mum have it for I will
not Be at home to Send
it I shall send from
fifty dollars shortly if
we draw as much this
Pay day as we did last
Pay day the snow is about
3 inches deep & cold
as it Comonly is to Excuse
my bad Writing and
Spelling I have a letter for
to keep to write it to as my
fingers is so Good by for
this time Bond Brown

Lansdale Dec. 8th 1818

Mr. John Shrit

Bought of P. & B. Ormsby

1 Piece	Super Black Cassimere	37 yds	15/-	8	12½
1 do	Black Cloth	12 "	13/-	7	00
1 "	double Mill'd Drab do	17 "	13/-	11	87½
1 "	Super Black do	5 "	24/-	20	00
1 "	Brown do	3¼ "	24/-	13	00
1 "	Corbe do	3 "	24/-	12	00
1 "	Toulant Casting	9⅓ "	7/6	11	66
1 "	Swansdown do	17½ "	90	15	75
1 "	Bandanoes		30/-	5	00
1 "	Redflannel			3	00
1 "	Yellow do			3	00
3 "	Setts Knives & forks	25¼ "	55-	13	89
		6	8 15/-	10	50
10 "	2½ Point Blankets		24/-	35	00
15 "	Stripe do		7/6	18	75
9 "	[illegible]		4 50	6	00
	12 cy & Cooperage		9/-	1	50
2 "	Super Chambray	4 3/3	89 yds 35-	30	95
3 "	do do	13/6 15. & 5½	34 " 30-	10	20
1 "	Buff Plaids	13⅓	" 30-	4	00
3 Looking Glasses			2/6. 3/9 & 24-	5	12½
2 Setts Knives & forks			15/-	5	00
1 Pocket Book			10/6	1	75
1 doz	White Worsted Stockings		54/-	9	00
1 Gross	Buttons/ea	18/-	24/- 18/- 10/6 & 12/-	13	75
½ doz	Pocket Books/ea	18/-	& 12/-	2	50
1 doz	White Cotton Stockings		54/-	9	00
2 Pc	India Muslin		45 0-	9	00
	Boxing & cooperage		9/-	1	50
6	Gunlocks		12/- & 7/6	19	50
1 doz	Carry Combs		15/-	2	50
3	Bamboo Canes/ea	2/-	3/- 3/9 & 5/3	1	31½
1 doz	Thermit Catches		18/-	3	00
1 Set	Brannies Combs		4/-	1	00
4 lb	Sewing Silk		48/-	2	00
3	German Steele handsaws		12/-	6	00
			Brot for'd	£	371

Amount Brot forward $371.13½

1 doz Cork Screws			18	3 00
1 Pr Chest	25 sqr		40	10 00
1 Pr Shovel & Tongs			90	1 50
1 Looking Glass			60	1 00
1 Pr Steel yards Iron	2 sqr	8 15		6 00
20 lbs young hyson Tea			90	3 00
6 lbs Rosin			30	1 00
8 Hoes			90	2 00
2 doz Buckles			30	1 00
1 " Pr HL hinges			25	4 25
2 P. fancy Muslin	24 sqr	2	75	18 00
1 " Garnett do		20 "	50	10 00
1 " do — do		20 "	30	6 00
1 " Lena — do		10 "	32	3 20
2 " Cambricks		24 "	65	15 60
2 " do		24 "	40	9 60
1 " Madapolam Shirting	24 sqr		22	10 29
20 lbs Brown Sugar		"	18	3 60
6 lbs Chocolate			30	2 00
5 lbs Allspice			40	2 00
5 lbs Ginger			40	2 00
½ lb Antimony			28	4 00
3 Setts Tea Spoons			90	75
2 Kegs Nails 24 sqr	133 lbs 2		16½	21 96
2 Kegs				70
				$539 98½

Account of the sales of the personal Estate of personal Estate of John Sharrit deceased, late of Dubois county, sold at Public Auction, at the late residence of said Sharrod, Pursuant to public notice, on the 19th day of May A.D. 1849

No.	Article sold	To whom sold	Amt. sold	
1	2 small Tables	Widow	1	50
2	1 Safe & Furniture	Same	0	00
3	1 Small Wheel	Same	1	00
4	2 pair Irons	Same	0	60
5	1 pot, Kettle & Oven	Same	3	00
6	1 lot of Milk Ware	Same	1	00
7	3 Shoats, in the Pen	Same	2	25
8	2 Bees Stands & Bees [illegible]	Same	3	00
9	1 ditto — No. 3	S. G. Brown	0	85
10	1 ditto No. 2	M. Helso,	1	50
11	1 do. No. 3	Francis Sharrit	1	00
12	1 pr. Walnut Bedstead & Cord	Widow	2	00
13	1 side Saddle & 2 blankets	Widow	9	00
14	Loom &c	Same	6	50
15	Warping apparatus	Same	0	50
16	Wheel & Reel	Same	2	00
17	2 plows	Same	6	00
18	a hoe and shovel	Same	0	75
19	a pickle & Iron wedge	Same	0	50
20	4 Meal Sacks	Same	1	50
21	1 [illegible] Wheat	Same	3	00
22	1 [illegible] Box	Same	0	50
23	1 lot Corn	Same	9	00
24	1 lot hay in barn	Same	3	00
25	1 looking Glass	Same	0	25
26	1 large plow	S. G. Brown	0	75
27	1 ditto, but less	F. Sharrit	0	35
28	1 Mattock	W. Sharrit	0	20
29	1 Weeding hoe	Widow	0	20
30	1 Bridle Curb Bit	Same	0	15
31	1 ditto	F. Sharrit		15
			63	00

132	Check Line, leather	Wm Sherrit		0	30
133	One Mans Saddle	James Sharrit		2	10
134	One Broad Axe	A. H. Kelso		3	45
135	One Frow	Wm Sharrit		0	35
136	1 pr. Steel yards	Same		1	15
137	Old pace & a little square	James Sharrit		0	10
138	drawing knife	Wm Sharrit		0	20
139	two Augers	Same		0	15
140	One Sickle	L. G. Brown		0	10
141	1 ditto	Wm Sherrit			25
142	1 pr of Cub Saw	Same	1/2)	3	30
143	1 Rifle Gun	A Sherrit		8	00
144	1 Old smooth rifle	Same		1	50
145	1 Shot Gun	"		"	"
146	1 Stock Lock	A. H. Kelso		0	10
147	1 Spinning Wheel	Widow		1	10
148	Romancisn	L Hemsey paid		1	50
149	Beds Cord & Beding	S. J. Sherrit		16	00
150	One ditto	M. Sherrit		15	00
151	1 Stuff Quilt for Bed	Widow		2	25
152	One ditto 2nd up	Same		1	10
153	One ditto 3d up	Same		1	00
154	ditto 4th up	Same		1	00
155	One Blanket	Same		1	50
156	ditto	James Sharrit		1	00
157	One Quilt at Hoopville	Same		1	15
158	One Coverlet	Same			80
159	One ditto double	Widow		1	55
160	1 piece of Sacking	Wash Miller		1	25
161	Bed, bedding & Stead	James Sharrit		7	10
162	ditto	Widow		3	70
163	4 Table Cloths	Same		2	00
164	lott of ~~Wool~~ Wool	Same		4	50
165	1 Bell	L Hemsey paid		11	38
166	Skillet & lid	Widow			10
167	Tea Kettle	James Sharrit			25
				86	20

30						
10						
45	64	Mortising Axe	Wm Sherrit	—	0	15
35	69	Tar Pot	same		0	15
15	70	Mettle pot	Widow		0	55
10	71	One Trimtatoe	Wm Sherrit	—	0	30
20	72	Mowing Sythe & Stead	F. Sherrit	—	1	00
15	73	Flax Hackle	Widow	—		35
10	74	1 peice Upper leather	Danl. Miller	—	1	00
25	75	1 pair Shovel	Widow			40
20	176	1 ditto 2d up	Rauley Horton paid	—		17
10	177	pair Stays	Widow	—		25
10	178	Sarver — Bread	same	—		10
	179	One Coffee pot — tin	Danl. Miller	—		35
	180	One Wagon cover	John McDonald paid	—	2	00
	181	One Wagon	Wm Sherrit	—	20	25
	182	a lot of Hemp	Widow	—		50
	183	a lot of Flax	same	—	1	00
	184	pr Horse Gears	same		4	00
	185	Breechings Hames & Chains	Wm Sherrit	—	3	00
	186	pr bushel measure	F. Sherrit	—	0	28
	187	a Cutting Box	L. G. Brown	—	1	25
	188	Wheat fan	Widow	—	5	00
	189	ditto Coat up	Wm Sherrit	—	9	25
	190	Manny forks	F. Sherrit	—	0	25
		8 Pieces first lot 8 in Number	Simon Fuhrman	—	4	10
		8 ditto second Choice	same	—	2	25
	193	One White faced Cow	James Barker	—	8	00
	194	One ditto Crumpled	Widow		7	50
	195	One ditto 3d up	Wm Sherrit	—	6	25
	196	One Bull	Danl. Miller		3	00
	197	One red Steer	John Fisher	—	3	20
	198	One Black heifer	Nat. Flint		3	25
	199	One Red ditto	Michael Brennon	—	3	30
	200	a Black Calf	M. Hopkins		1	35
	201	One dry Cow	L. G. Brown	—	7	60
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1102	One Steer at Large	J. Sherrit		$ 0	25
1103	10 Hogs, first Choice	John Able		20	25
1104	9 ditto Second Choice	Same		11	00
1105	3 ditto 3d do.	J. Sherrit		6	00
1106	5 Shoats	Same	4 lots Hogs amt $15.50	3	50
1107	a lot of Hogs. Wild	Same		3	00
1108	a lot in Hollers deadning	Same		3	00
1109	2 hogs	Widdow		2	00
1110	27 head of Geese	Same		2	55
1111	an Axe, Chopping	John Able		0	25
1112	one ditto	Widow		0	15
1113	a lot of Planes	James Sherrit		1	00
1114	One log Chain	J. Sherrit		1	20
1115	One Ring, Stepladder, for Bridle	B. B. Edmeston	in miller's notes	0	50
1116	One Clevis & Tr. bit	Shuster paid		0	20
1117	One Lanstern	Widow		0	25
118	a Cradle	John Flint		0	05
1119	Weavers Sley	Widow		0	10
1120	Vest patern &c	James Sherrit		1	15
1121	pot & skillet	Same		0	75
1122	pot Rack	Widow		0	20
1123	Trammel Bed stead	Michael Brenon		0	10
1124	One Crunch	J. Sherrit			25
1125	One ditto	Widow		0	50

Test S. Denisey	$ 1	58 20
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STATE OF INDIANA, DUBOIS COUNTY, Oct 17 1856

Mr. Joshua Dillon of the county of Dubois, on examination has given evidence of ability to impart instruction in Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, Physiology and History, and having presented a Certificate of Moral Character from the Trustee of ..... Township, I therefore license him to teach the above named branches in .....

.....

Dubois County, for the term of ..... 18 ..... months from the date hereof.

SCALE OF QUALIFICATIONS.

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Penmanship, .../ Reading, .../ Eng. Grammar, .../ Physiology, .../

ANDREW J. STRAIN, School Examiner.

SCALE OF QUALIFICATIONS.—Best 1; Good 2; Indifferent 3; Bad 4.

Amount of Articles, bo^t by the Widow ——— $103.40

Same ——— Franklin Sharrit ——— $29.70

Same ——— William Sharrit ——— $44.10

Same ——— James Sharrit ——— $16.40

Same ——— S. S. Sharrit ——— $16.80

Same ——— M. Sharrit ——— $15.00

N. B. One Dollar & Eighty cents, for Book & Bell, bid off by J. Demsey, was paid by P. Herrman, to Mrs J Sharrit — ~~P. Herrman~~ May 19th 1849. Test. S. Demsey

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